

OF THE

Camalodunum Lodge

OF

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS,

No. 660.

THE CAMALODUNUM LODGE WAS OPENED AND CONSECRATED
AT THE TALBOT HOTEL, IN NEW MALTON,
ON TUESDAY, THE EIGHTEENTH DAY OF MARCH, IN THE
YEAR OF OUR LORD, 1856.

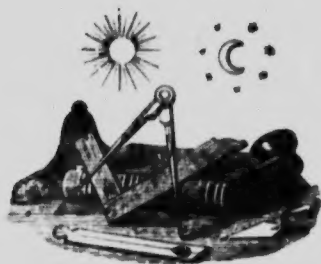
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MASONRY teaches all who are initiated in its mysteries to look up with awe and love to the Great Architect and Master Builder of the Universe, who spread out the heavens like a curtain—gave the stars, planets, and sun, their appointed courses, and made the earth “His footstool”—who meted out the waters of the deep, and bounden the sea with His mighty walls, and weighed the mountains as it were in a balance. When we look closely at these and all His other mighty works, we see established by unerring laws, goodness, system, beauty, and regularity.

The superstructure of Freemasonry is raised on the foundation of Divine Revelation, the truths of which never have been, nor ever can be confuted. The initiated know that the science of Freemasonry has for its object to make them good and upright men, charitable and full of love to all around them, but especially to their brethren in Masonry. They are jealous of its rights, and look upon it as one of the greatest blessings that has ever been conferred upon mankind.

Masonry is cosmopolitan and universal, of the very remotest antiquity, and has embraced under its wide-spread banner, the great and good of all ages. Its object is the promotion of reverence to God, and good-will towards men, and its study is as interesting as its results are important. It confides its treasures to the honour and fidelity of its members, and those who, with honour, truth, and fidelity, follow it, will never repent their initiation into its mysteries.

The true Mason will never be concerned in any plot or conspiracy against the peace and welfare of the nation or country from which he derived his birth and infant nurture, or in which he may be for a time ; nor will he be either a stupid atheist, or an irreligious libertine, but he will ever consider that his Masonic profession teacheth him

not only to avoid these evils, but to do all in his power to promote the prosperity and happiness of every human being, and especially to aid the poor, the needy, and the broken in spirit.

The true Mason will ever consider it the nicest point of honour to counsel, assist, sympathise with, and relieve his brother in adversity, so far as in his power lies, without injury to himself, family, or connexion, and will ever go hand in hand with his brother in promoting the welfare of that most ancient and honourable fraternity.



THE following By-Laws, as revised on the recommendation of the Grand Secretary, by the W.M., Past Masters, and Officers of the Lodge, at a meeting held on the 15th day of June, 1885, were read at a meeting of the Lodge held on the 7th day of July; and considered and finally approved at a meeting held on the 4th day of August, 1885.

The following Brethren were present at the meeting held on the 15th day of June, viz:—

Bro. T. M. GOLDIE, W.M.

Bro. WM. C. COPPERTHWAIT, P.M.

„ SAMUEL KING, P.M.

„ JNO. MARSHALL, P.M.

„ JNO. HUDSON, P.M.

„ WILLIAM WILSON, P.M.

„ J. W. MARSHALL, P.M.

„ R. J. SMITHSON, P.M.

„ J. D. DODSWORTH, P.M.

Bro. J. B. NICHOLLS, S.W.

„ W. R. METCALFE, Secretary.

„ R. G. LUCAS, S.D.

Introduction.

It is impossible for Society to subsist long independent of laws calculated to preserve harmony and good order, and promote the purposes and intentions of its institution ; and as the best contrived body of laws is of little or no use unless it is properly enforced and cordially obeyed, every individual joining this Lodge is bound to the strict observance of the book of Constitutions of the United Grand Lodge of England, and of the following By-Laws.

By-Laws.

I.—That there shall be a regular Lodge at the Freemasons' Hall, New Malton, at Seven o'clock in the evening, on the first and third Tuesday in each month, from the first day of October to the thirty-first day of March; and at Seven o'clock in the evening on the first Tuesday in each month, from the thirty-first day of March to the first day of October. The W. Master shall have power to call a Lodge in case of emergency.

II.—Every Brother shall appear properly clothed during Lodge hours, and shall preserve strict silence and decorum.

III.—Every Brother shall rise when he addresses the W. Master in the Lodge, and no Brother shall address him without having first openly asked his permission, or in due course, under a penalty of sixpence for each offence.

IV.—If any Member come to or appear in the Lodge in a state of intoxication, he shall forfeit 2s. 6d.; and if the offence be repeated thrice, he shall be liable to exclusion, and his conduct reported to the Grand Lodge.

V.—Whoever shall reveal the business of the Lodge, except it be to a Member, shall, upon

sufficient proof, be subject to such punishment as the Lodge may have power to inflict. (*See Article 210 B.C.*)

VI.—If any Brother shall interrupt the business of the Lodge, or disturb the peace and harmony thereof, by any unnecessary or unseasonable discourse, or by disobedience to the signal of the W. Master, he shall forfeit, for every such offence, any sum not exceeding 5s., at the option of the W. Master, and any visitor so offending, shall be desired to retire from the Lodge; and should the offence be repeated, he shall not again be admitted.

VII.—No Mason who is not a Subscribing Member of any regular Lodge shall be permitted to visit the Lodge more than once during his secession from the Craft. (*See Article 152 B.C.*)

VIII.—The Secretary shall transmit by the hands of the Tyler, or through the post, a regular Summons to every Member whenever the W. Master may direct him so to do; and in case of any wilful neglect, he shall forfeit any sum not exceeding 2s. 6d., at the option of the W. Master, for each offence,

IX.—The Tyler shall receive a remuneration of 2s. 6d. for his trouble and attendance each Lodge

night, subject to a penalty of 2s. 6d. for every case of neglect or non-attendance, without permission.

X.—Every person proposed to be made a Mason shall not be balloted for until the next regular Lodge night, that the Brethren may have sufficient time to learn the real character of the person so proposed ; and it is expected that every Brother will be particularly cautious as to the character of the candidate he proposes, as the happiness, the success, the dignity, and the honour of the Lodge do not so much consist in or depend upon, the number, as the integrity and virtuous conduct of its Members.

XI.—Except in cases of emergency, under Article 185 B.C., no person shall be balloted for but in regular Lodge, and if three balls be against him he shall not be admitted.

XII.—No Person who, upon a ballot, hath been rejected, shall be proposed a second time within the space of one year, either to be made a Mason, or (if he hath been made in any other Lodge) to be admitted a Member of this Lodge.

XIII.—Every person made a Mason in this Lodge shall pay the sum of £7 7s. 0d. for his admission, which shall include the 2nd and 3rd degrees, with the registering fee ; it shall likewise

exonerate him from the payment of the dues during the quarter in which his initiation takes place, and entitle him to a Grand Lodge Certificate free of expense.

XIV.—Any regular Mason desirous of becoming a Member of this Lodge shall be proposed on one regular Lodge night, and balloted for the next regular one, and if three balls be against him, he shall not be admitted ; but, if approved, he shall pay an entrance fee of two guineas. Provided nevertheless, that the Lodge shall have power, if they see fit, by a vote of all the Members present, to declare that any gentleman not resident in the Borough of Malton, already initiated as a Mason in any regular Lodge, shall be admitted an Honorary Member of this Lodge, and thereupon, the entrance fee payable on such admission shall be remitted, and no Subscriptions to the Lodge Fund shall become payable from such Honorary Member—but he cannot vote upon any occasion, nor hold office, neither can his name appear in the Lodge returns.

XV.—Each Member (except an Honorary Member) shall pay to the Secretary, for the time being, the sum of one guinea per annum, by equal quarterly payments in advance, on the first Lodge Meetings in the months of January, April, July, and October, in each year ; in default of such payments, a special summons shall be sent by the

Secretary to the Brother making such default; and if the Subscription be twelve months in arrears, he shall be liable to be excluded, after due notice, in accordance with Article 210 B.C. And no Brother in arrear of contributions shall, after the sending of such summons, as above stated, be allowed to take any part in the Lodge proceedings, or to be appointed to office or vote therein, during the period such Subscriptions shall be in arrear and unpaid as aforesaid.

XVI.—Every person made a Mason in a Lodge of Emergency, shall pay the expenses of the same, or otherwise, as the Master shall judge expedient.

XVII.—The Lodge shall never be broken up so long as there continue to be three Subscribing Members (*See Article 219 B.C.*)

XVIII.—The W. Master and Treasurer shall be annually chosen by ballot, at the first meeting held in the month of February in every year according to the usual modes of Election—every Member not in arrear having one vote, and in the event of an equality of numbers, the W. Master two. And on the ensuing Lodge night, after the minutes of the Election shall have been confirmed, the new W. Master shall be installed in the Chair, at which time he shall nominate

and appoint his other officers, according to ancient custom.

XIX.—The Tyler to be chosen annually by the Master and majority of the Brethren present, and invested on the day of installation of W. Master. (*See Article 136 B.C.*)

XX.—Any Member proposing a Candidate for Masonry shall make a deposit with the Treasurer of one guinea, to go in part of such admission fee, or to be returned if rejected. But if, on being approved, the Candidate does not come forward to be made a Mason within three months afterwards, the same sum shall be forfeited for the benefit of the Lodge Fund, unless for sufficient cause shown the Lodge shall grant further time.

XXI.—No Brother initiated in this Lodge shall receive more than one degree at a time; nor shall a superior degree be conferred at a shorter interval than one month from the period of his receiving the former

XXII.—No Jewel, Book, or other property belonging to the Lodge, shall be taken away or lent to any Brother without the consent of the W. Master, granted in open Lodge, which consent shall be made a minute of by the Secretary; and if anything so lent be not returned by the next regular Lodge night, the Brother or Brothers so

offending shall forfeit is. for each such neglect, to be immediately paid into the hands of the Treasurer, or at the discretion of the W. Master—the forfeit to be accumulative in the same proportion with the continued detention of such property.

XXIII.—The Lodge shall communicate regularly with the Grand Lodge immediately after the first Meeting next following the anniversary in each year, when a return of its subscribing Members (according to prescribed form) shall be transmitted, together with the quarterly dues, registering fees, and the amount required for Grand Lodge Certificates for the newly-made Brethren. Similar returns shall be made to the Provincial Grand Secretary, when called for; nevertheless, these communications may be made oftener to the Grand Lodge should occasion require.

XXIV.—The Members of the Lodge shall hold a Masonic Festival on the third Tuesday in the month of February, in every year, or at such other time as a majority of the Members in open Lodge shall determine, and which shall be dedicated to Brotherly Love and Refreshment, and to which any regular and approved Mason may have access on providing himself with a ticket.

XXV.—In the event of any circumstances arising not provided for expressly by these By-Laws,

the regulations respecting such, as laid down in the Book of Constitutions, to be strictly adhered to.

XXVI.—Every Brother, on becoming a Member of this Lodge, shall immediately subscribe his name to these By-Laws, as a solemn pledge of his agreeing to conform both to them and the General Laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

XXVII.—If at any future time it shall be found requisite to alter or amend any of these By-Laws, or to make any new ones, such alterations or amendments shall be proposed in writing, in open Lodge, and duly seconded, and the same shall be discussed in open Lodge on the next succeeding Lodge night; and when approved of by a majority of the members present, shall be entered in a Minute Book, and annexed to, and taken, and acted upon, as part of these By-Laws.

The foregoing Laws have been examined, and appear to be framed in accordance with the General Laws of the Craft.

1st September, 1885.

Approved, JOHN P. BELL, D.P.G.M.

Confirmed by the M.W. Grand Master.

SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.

London, 9th September, 1885.